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To: [City Council](#)
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Dear Sebastopol City Council and Staff,

Please do not approve the proposed purchase of smart water meters. Adding 3000 smart water meters will increase water rates and add more EMF radiation in Sebastopol. Sebastopol banned smart meters in 2013 for “matters of public health, safety and consumer protection.”

This purchase is inconsistent with:

- Sebastopol’s General Plan Community Health and Wellness Goals to minimize EMF’s including city-wide opt out of public utility smart meters;
- the City Councils Objectives and Goals to protect the environment and mitigate known threats to the environment and;
- the Zero Waste Sonoma purchasing policy which calls for purchasing products that minimize environmental impacts, toxins, pollution and hazards to worker and community safety, as well as to purchase durable and long lasting products. (If a smart water meter battery fails, the whole unit has to be replaced.)

EMF radiation threatens nature, public health, and the EMF aware and sensitive community. Peer reviewed published studies find EMF radiation causes a wide range of health impacts: “Effects include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans.” <https://www.emfscientist.org/>

This is a decision that cannot be undone for many years. Please reconsider.

Respectfully,

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